

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

HAROLD EDWARDS,

Case No. 2:21-cv-00682-APG-BNW

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

SOUTHERN DESERT CORRECTIONAL
CENTER, *et al.*,

Defendants.

This action began with a *pro se* civil-rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. Plaintiff has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 1). Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter.

The Court entered a screening order on September 12, 2021. (ECF No. 3). The screening order imposed a 90-day stay and the Court entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF Nos. 3, 6). The Office of the Attorney General has filed a status report indicating that settlement has not been reached and informing the Court of its intent to proceed with this action. (ECF No. 8). Plaintiff has filed a letter stating that he believes the matter would settle if the Court appointed a different mediator and scheduled another mediation conference. (ECF No. 9).

For the foregoing reasons, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. In the event that this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

2. The movant herein is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security therefor.

1 3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, as amended by the Prison Litigation Reform
2 Act, the Nevada Department of Corrections will forward payments from the account of
3 **HAROLD EDWARDS, #1169986** to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District
4 of Nevada, 20% of the preceding month's deposits (in months that the account exceeds
5 \$10.00) until the full \$350 filing fee has been paid for this action. The Clerk of the Court
6 will send a copy of this order to the Finance Division of the Clerk's Office. The Clerk will
7 send a copy of this order to the attention of **Chief of Inmate Services for the Nevada**
8 **Department of Corrections**, P.O. Box 7011, Carson City, NV 89702.

9 4. The Clerk of the Court shall electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and
10 a copy of Plaintiff's complaint (ECF No. 4) on the Office of the Attorney General of the
11 State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket
12 sheet. This does not indicate acceptance of service.

13 5. Service must be perfected within ninety (90) days from the date of this order
14 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

15 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 3), within twenty-
16 one (21) days of the date of entry of this order, the Attorney General's Office shall file a
17 notice advising the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it
18 accepts service; (b) the names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service,
19 and (c) the names of the defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-address
20 information under seal. As to any of the named defendants for whom the Attorney
21 General's Office cannot accept service, the Office shall file, under seal, but shall not serve
22 the inmate Plaintiff the last known address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such
23 information. If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney
24 General's Office shall attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).

25 7. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff
26 shall file a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a
27 summons, and specifying a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the
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1 defendant(s) as to which the Attorney General has not provided last-known-address
2 information, Plaintiff shall provide the full name and address for the defendant(s).

3 8. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named
4 defendant(s), such defendant(s) shall file and serve an answer or other response to the
5 complaint (ECF No. 4) within sixty (60) days from the date of this order.

6 9. Plaintiff shall serve upon defendant(s) or, if an appearance has been
7 entered by counsel, upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or other
8 document submitted for consideration by the Court. If Plaintiff electronically files a
9 document with the Court's electronic-filing system, no certificate of service is required.
10 Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(1)(B); Nev. Loc. R. IC 4-1(b); Nev. Loc. R. 5-1. However, if Plaintiff
11 mails the document to the Court, Plaintiff shall include with the original document
12 submitted for filing a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of the
13 document was mailed to the defendants or counsel for the defendants. If counsel has
14 entered a notice of appearance, Plaintiff shall direct service to the individual attorney
15 named in the notice of appearance, at the physical or electronic address stated therein.
16 The Court may disregard any document received by a district judge or magistrate judge
17 which has not been filed with the Clerk, and any document received by a district judge,
18 magistrate judge, or the Clerk which fails to include a certificate showing proper service
19 when required.


20 10. This case is no longer stayed.

21 11. Plaintiff's request for the Court to appoint a different mediator and schedule
22 another mediation conference (ECF No. 9) is **DENIED**. The parties may continue to
23 pursue settlement on their own—in fact, the Court encourages it—but the Court will not
24 schedule another mediation in this case under the Court's Inmate Early Mediation
25 Program.

26 12. Finally, Plaintiff is cautioned that his letter seeking another mediation (ECF
27 No. 9) does not comply with the Court's local rules. The Court's rules provide that except
28 in circumstances not relevant here, "an attorney or pro se party must not send case-

1 related correspondences, such as letters, emails, or facsimiles, to the court. All
2 communications with the court must be styled as a motion, stipulation, or notice, and must
3 be filed in the court's docket and served on all other attorneys and pro se parties." Nev.
4 L.R. IA 7-1(b). Further, "[t]he court may strike any case-related correspondence filed in
5 the court's docket that is not styled as a motion, stipulation, or notice." *Id.*

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7 DATED: December 13, 2021.

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10 BREND A WEKSLER
11 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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